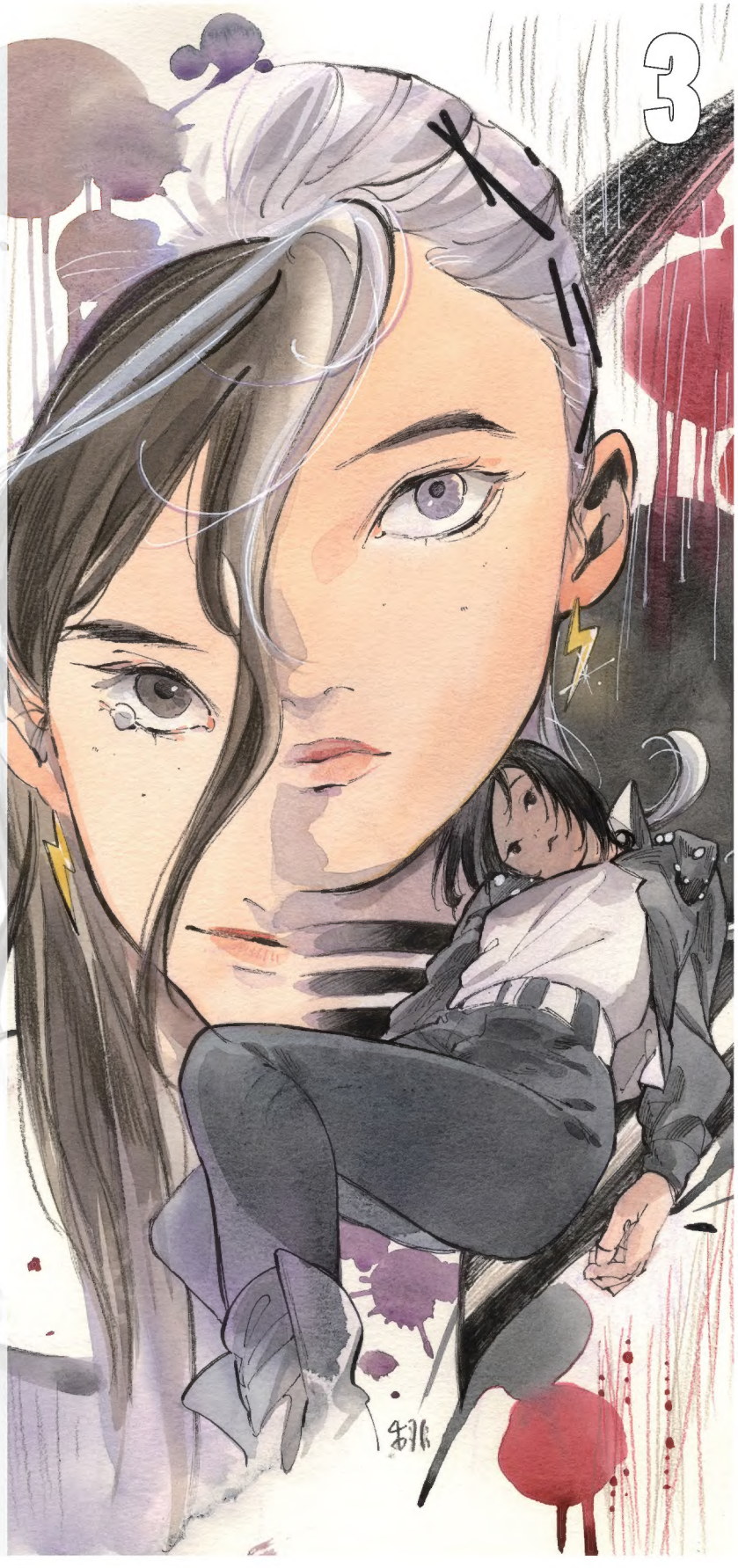
MARVEL

ULTIMATE X-MEN



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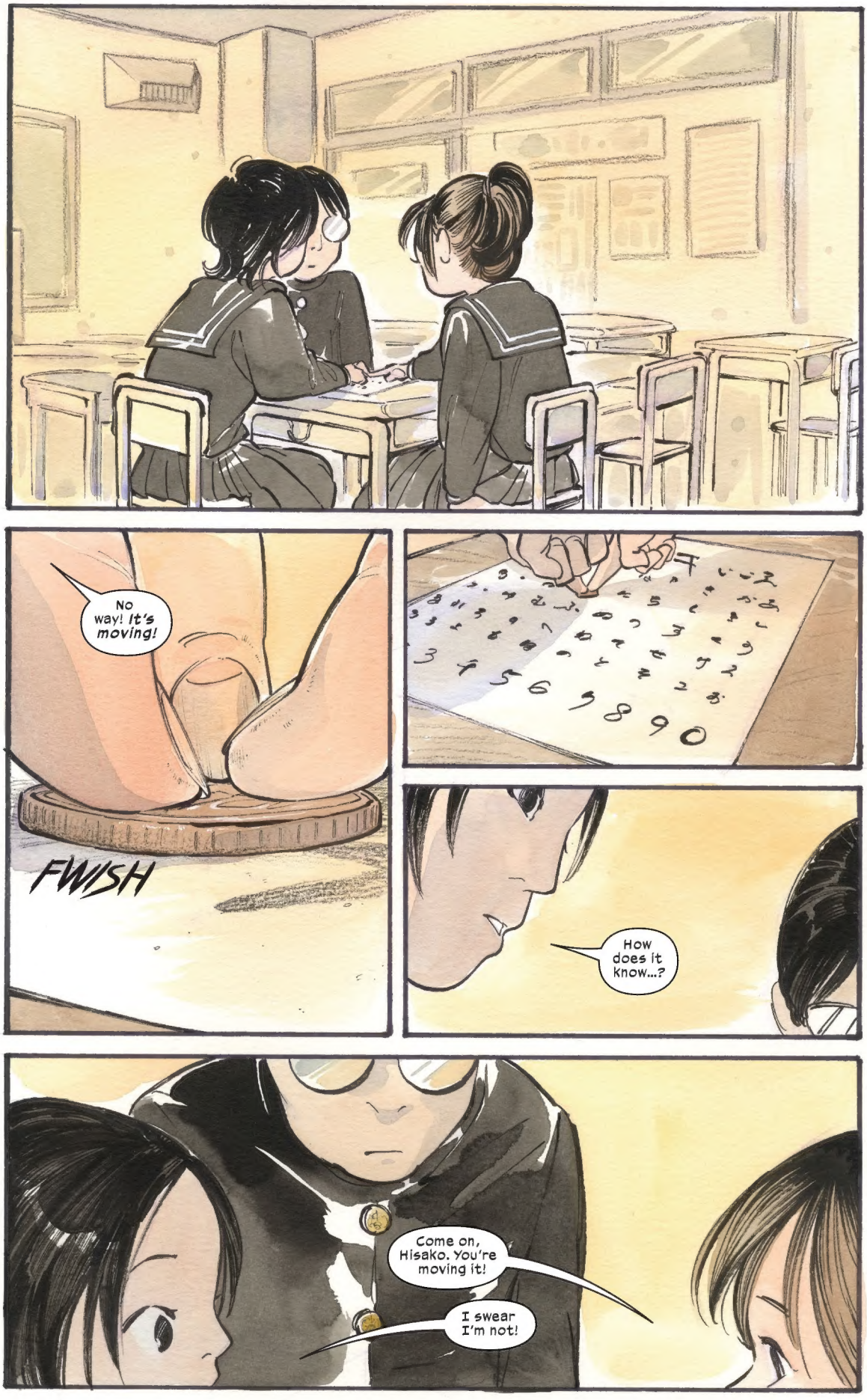
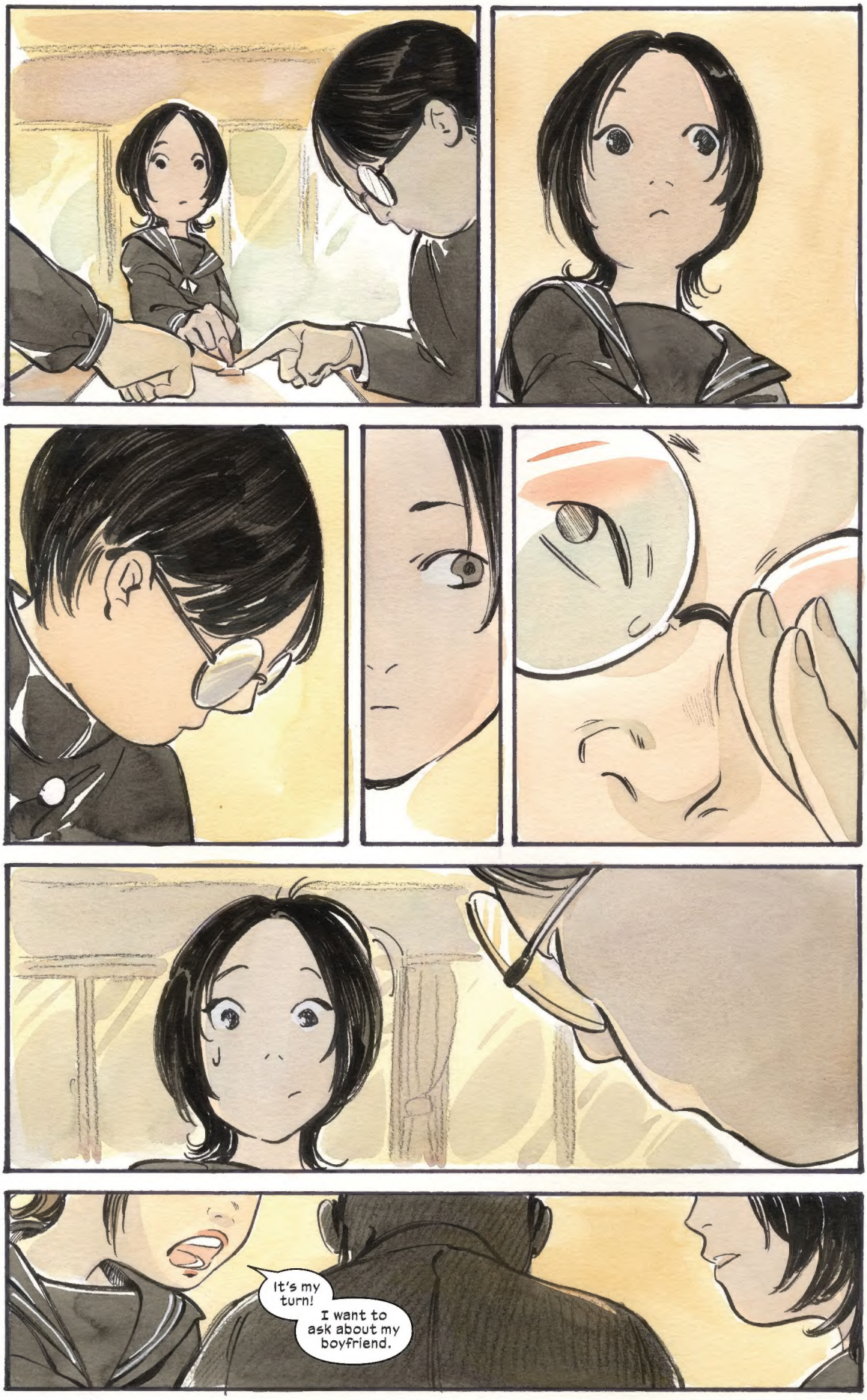
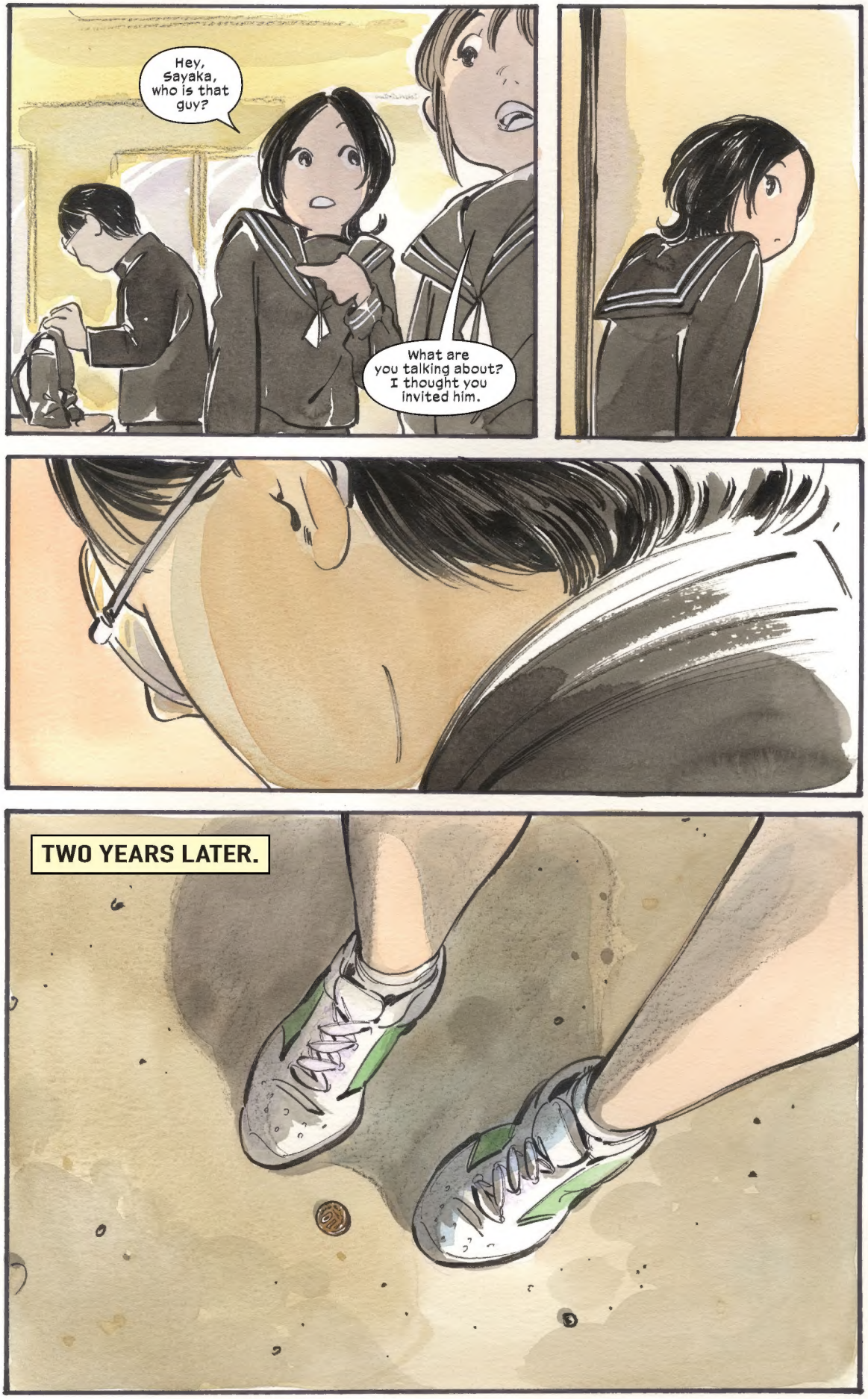
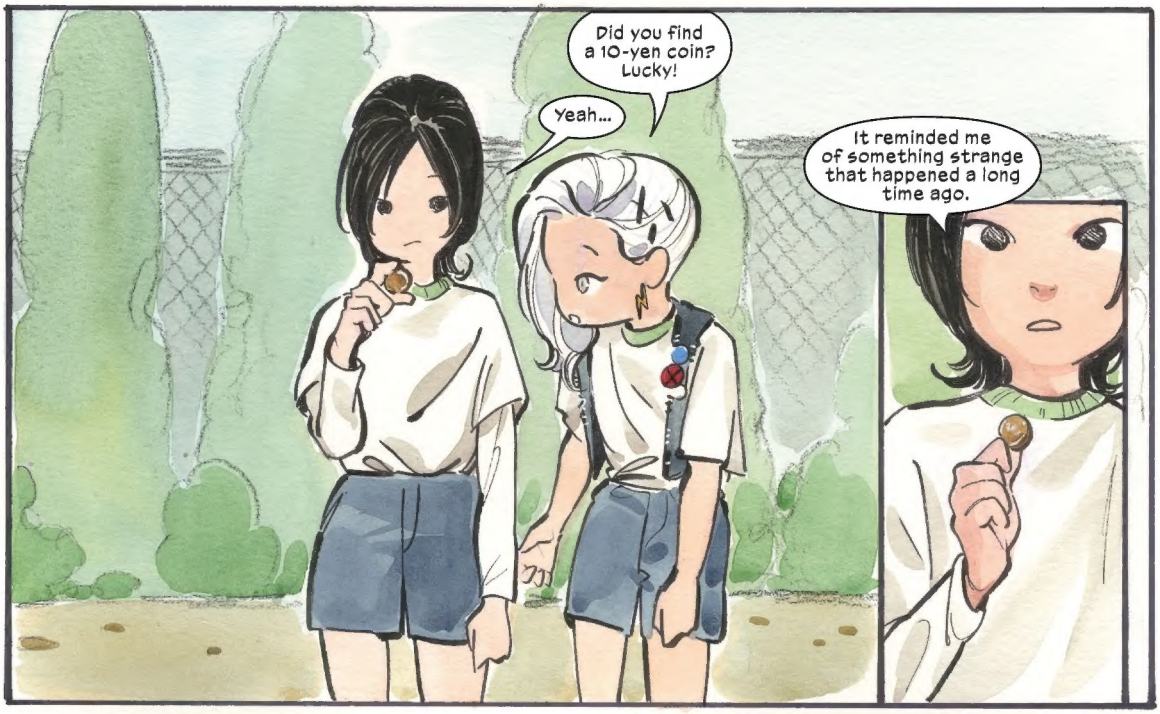
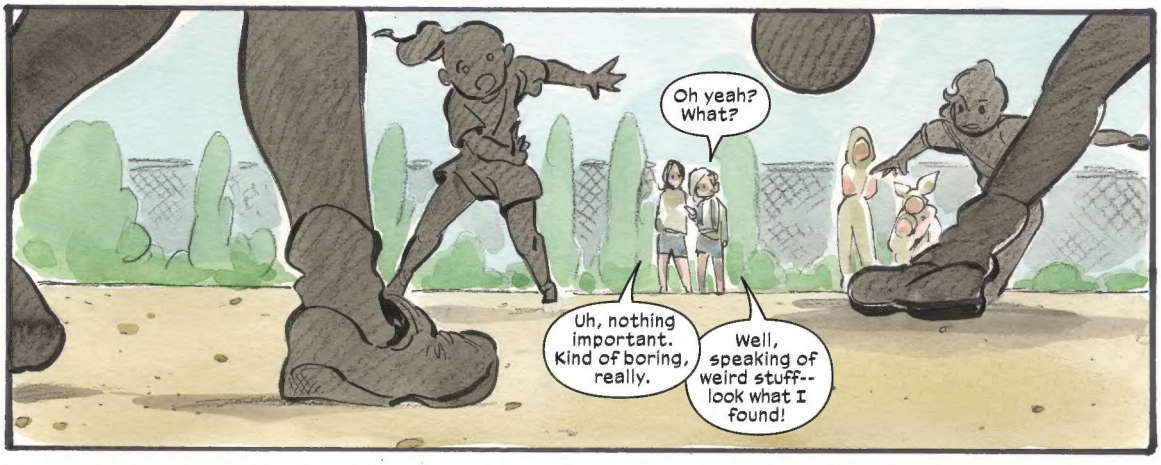
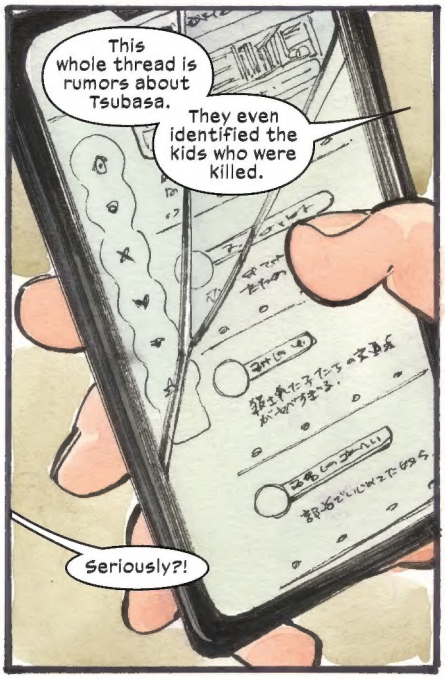

No way! It's moving!
FWISH
How does it know...?
Come on, Hisako. You're moving it!
I swear I'm not!

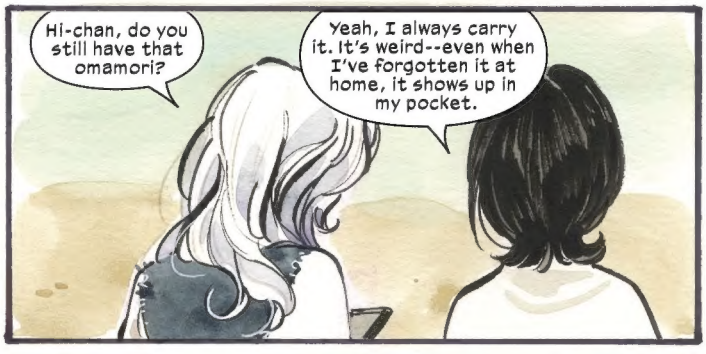

It's my turn!
I want to ask about my boyfriend.


Hey, Sayaka, who is that guy?
What are you talking about? I thought you invited him.
TWO YEARS LATER.

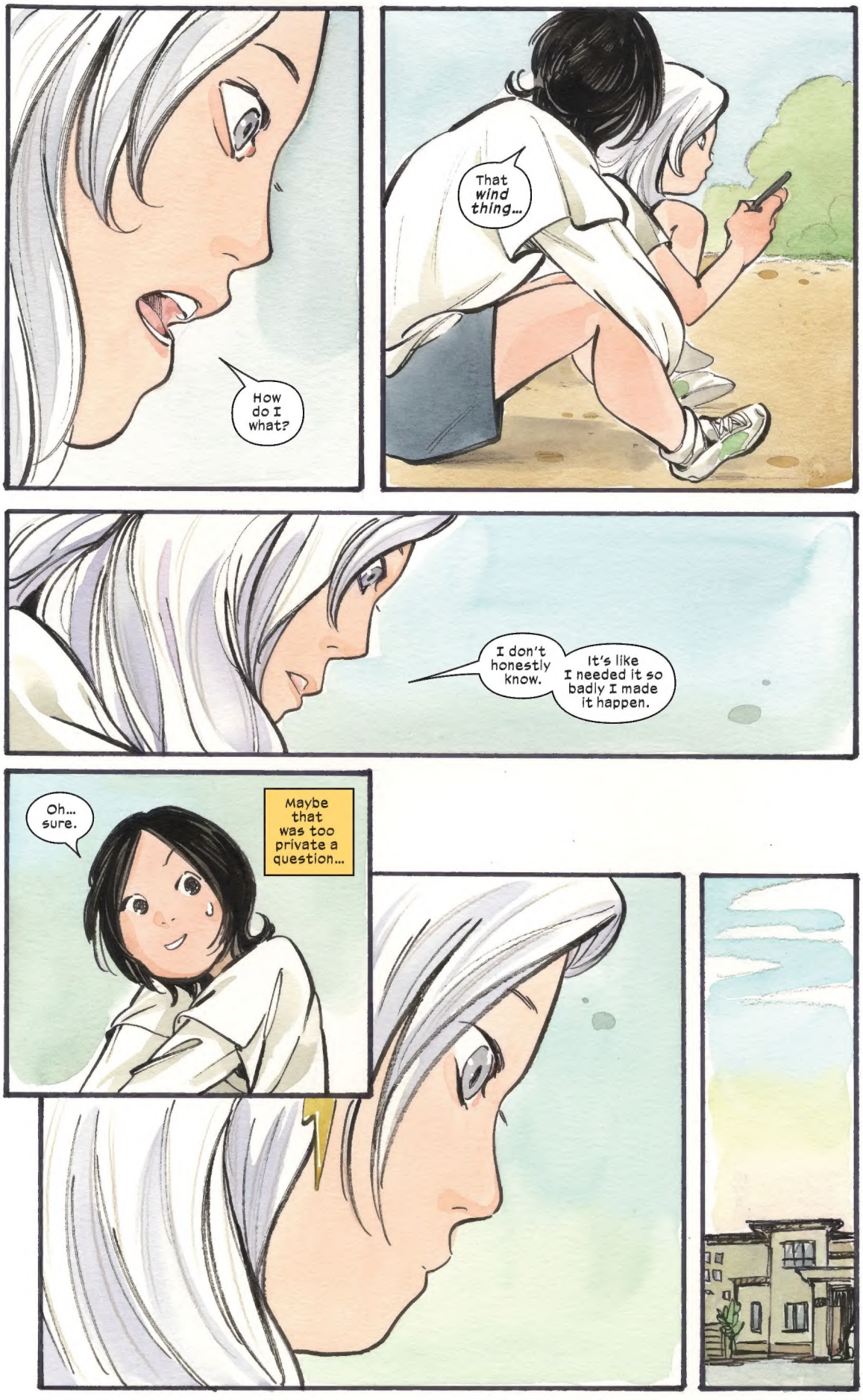

Did you find a 10-yen coin? Lucky!
Yeah...
It reminded me of something strange that happened a long time ago.


Oh yeah? What?
Uh, nothing important. Kind of boring, really.
Well, speaking of weird stuff--look what I found!

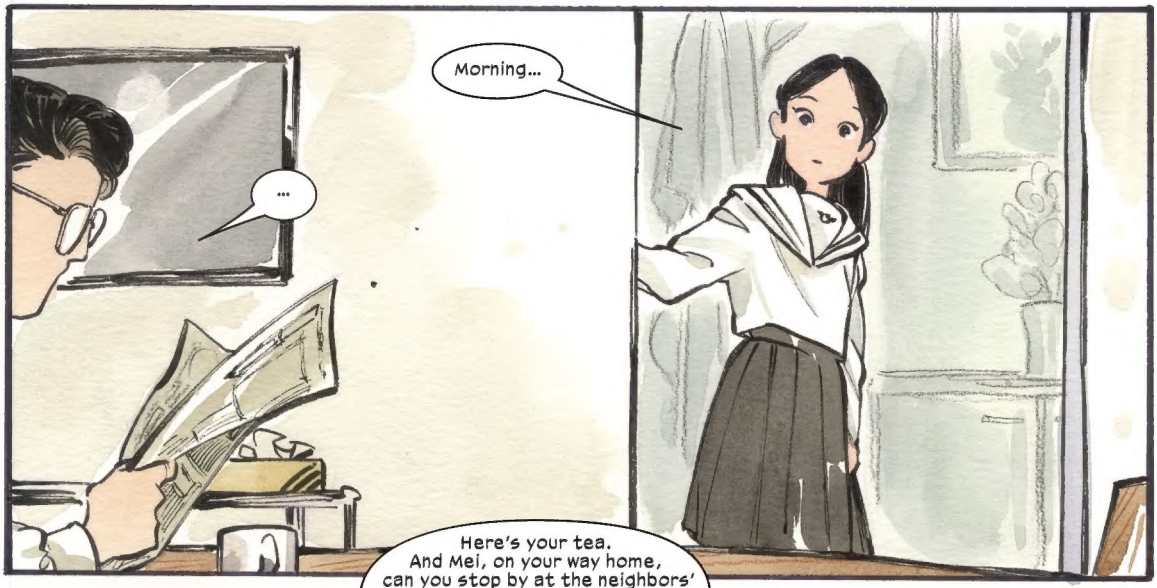

This whole thread is rumors about Tsubasa.
They even identified the kids who were killed.
Seriously?!


Hi-chan, do you still have that omamori?
Yeah, I always carry it. It's weird--even when I've forgotten it at home, it shows up in my pocket.

How about you, Mei? How do you...you know...


How do I what?
That wind thing...
I don't honestly know.
It's like I needed it so badly I made it happen.
Oh... sure.
Maybe that was too private a question...

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
Storm
Freedom fighter in West Africa seemingly has power of the storm.
Mei, breakfast is ready!
Hurry up, or you're going to be late for school!


Morning...
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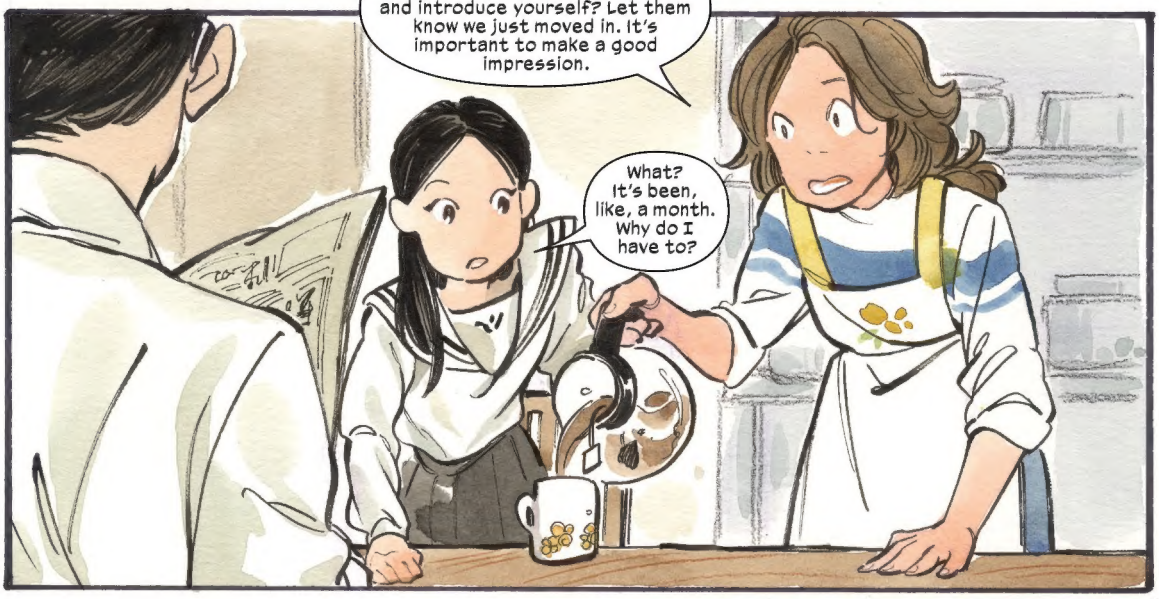
Here's your tea.
And Mei, on your way home, can you stop by at the neighbors' and introduce yourself? Let them know we just moved in. It's important to make a good impression.
What? It's been, like, a month. Why do I have to?

Please just do it. I tried twice and they didn't answer. Maybe you'll have better luck--third time's the charm, right?

Fiiiiine...

AFTER SCHOOL.
See you tomorrow!
Bye, Mei!
I wonder if anyone's there--
Whoa!
Knock, knock... anyone home?
My cat...
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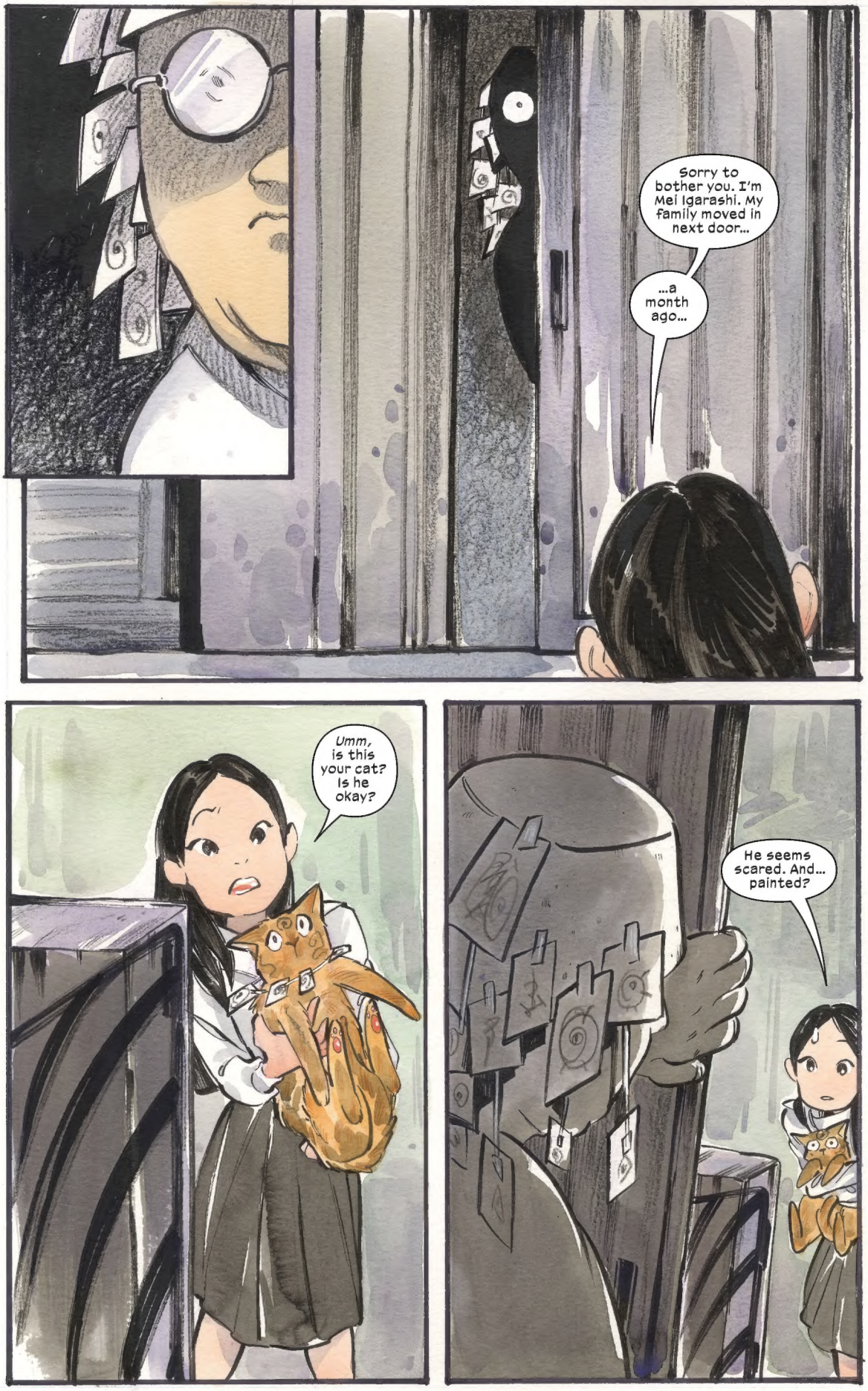
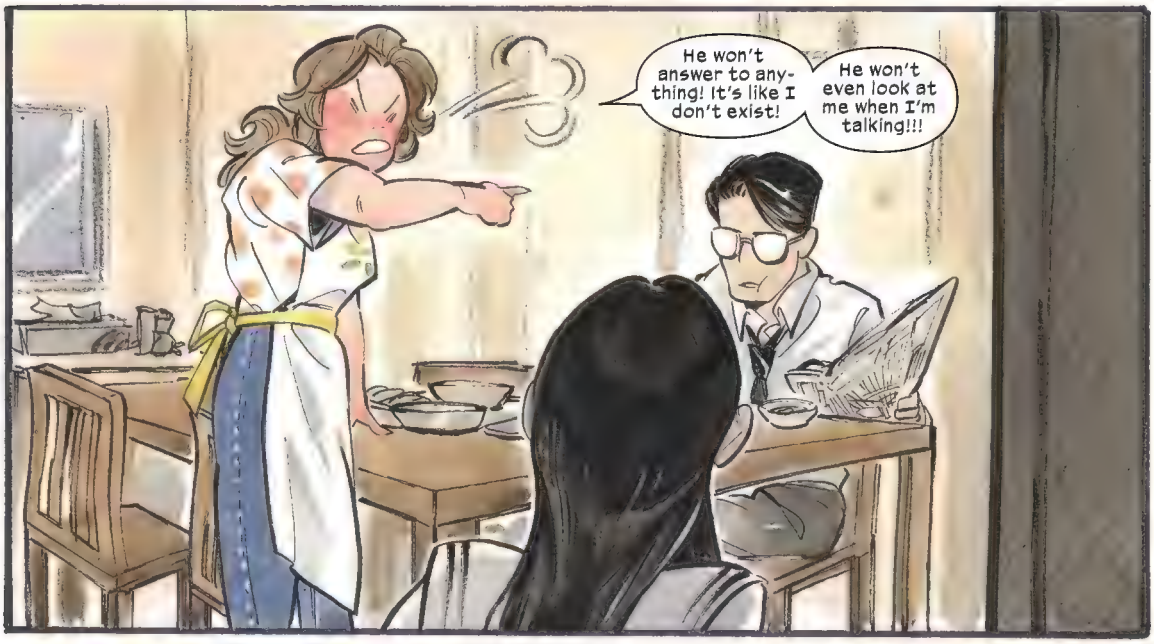

Sorry to bother you. I'm Mei Igarashi. My family moved in next door...
...a month ago...
Umm, is this your cat? Is he okay?
He seems scared. And... painted?

Hey!
What are you--?!
OW!!!

Sorry. I'll discipline the cat.
I'm home...

--don't change the subject! I know you've been seeing that... girl again!
Hey! Don't just sit there. Say something!!!
Dammit!
Mei, get down here. Dinner is ready!

Are you two at it again?
If you're gonna fight, can you not wake me up? It's not like I can eat with you yelling at each other.


He won't answer to anything! It's like I don't exist!
He won't even look at me when I'm talking!!!

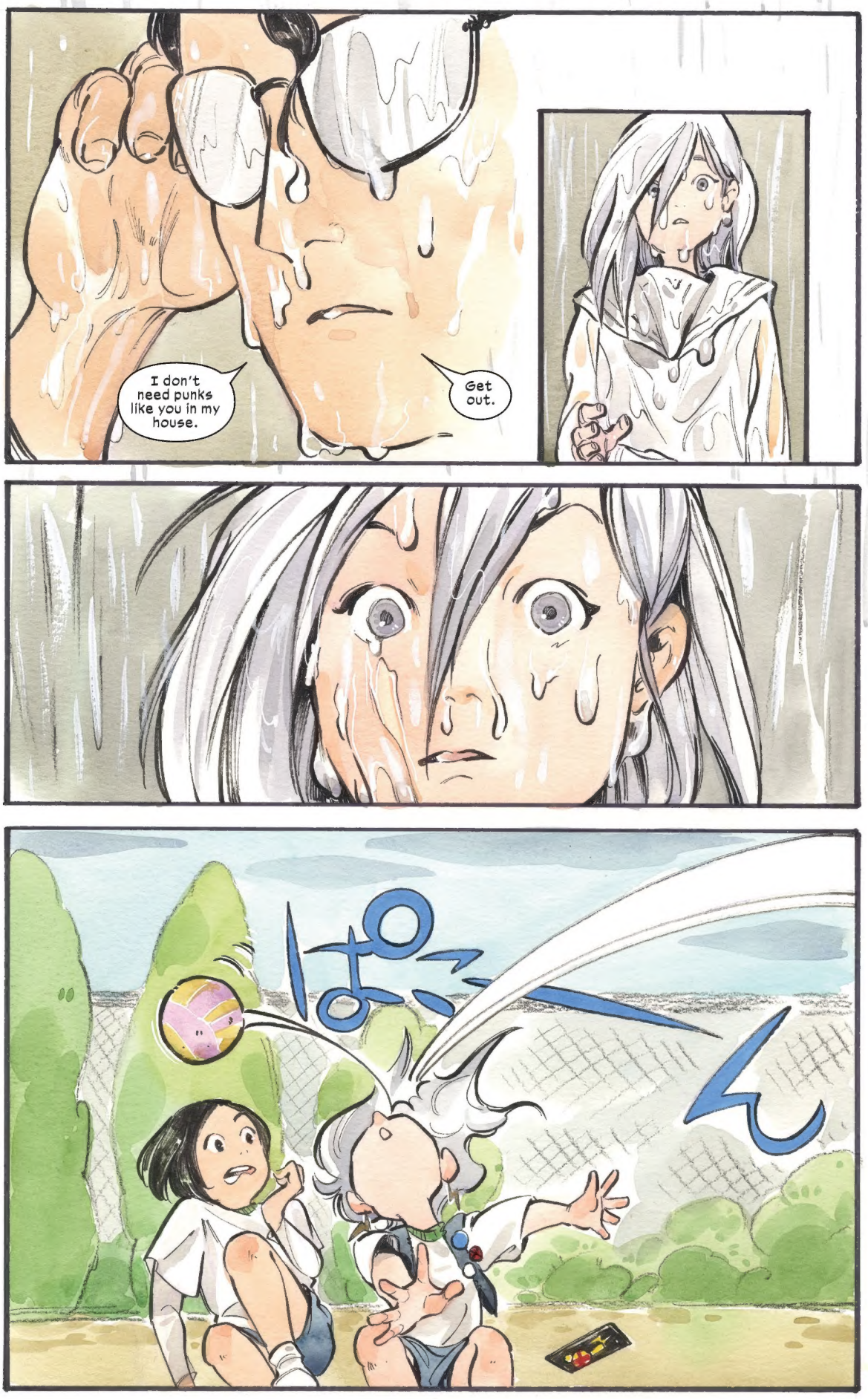
Then leave him. Who needs him anyway?

Mei! How dare you talk about your father like that!

OW!!!
SWAKK
Mei!

GYAAAHHH!

Th-that storm... how?
M-Mei... your eyes...your hair...


I don't need punks like you in my house.
Get out.
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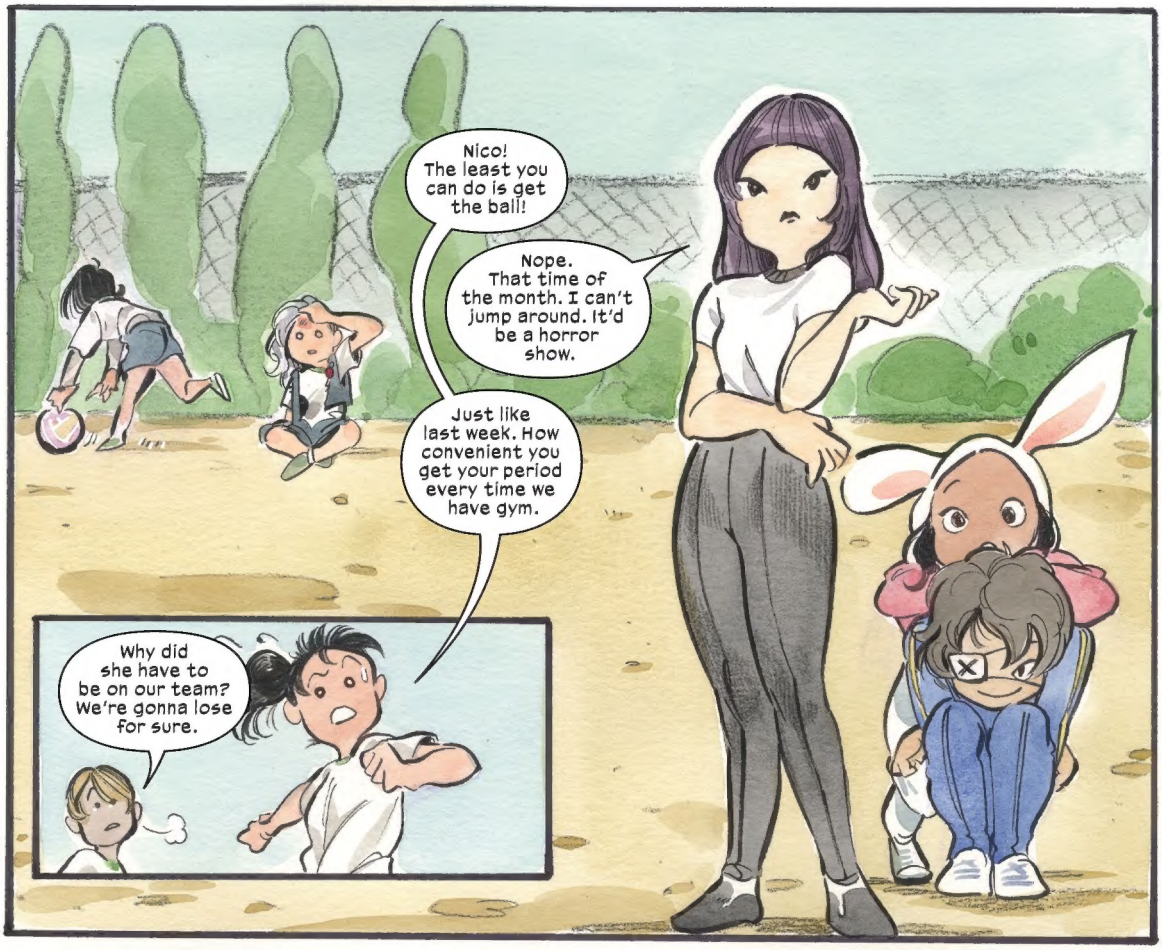
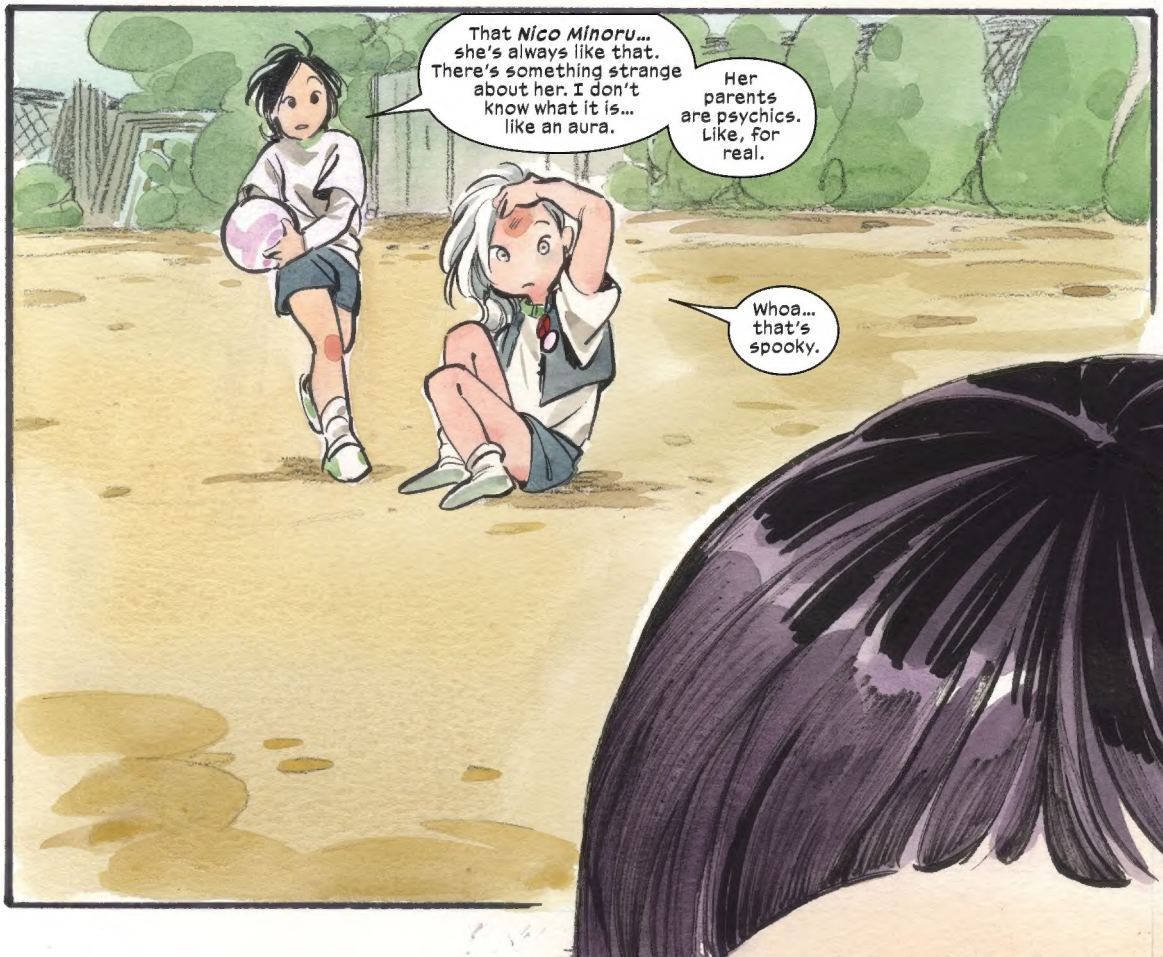
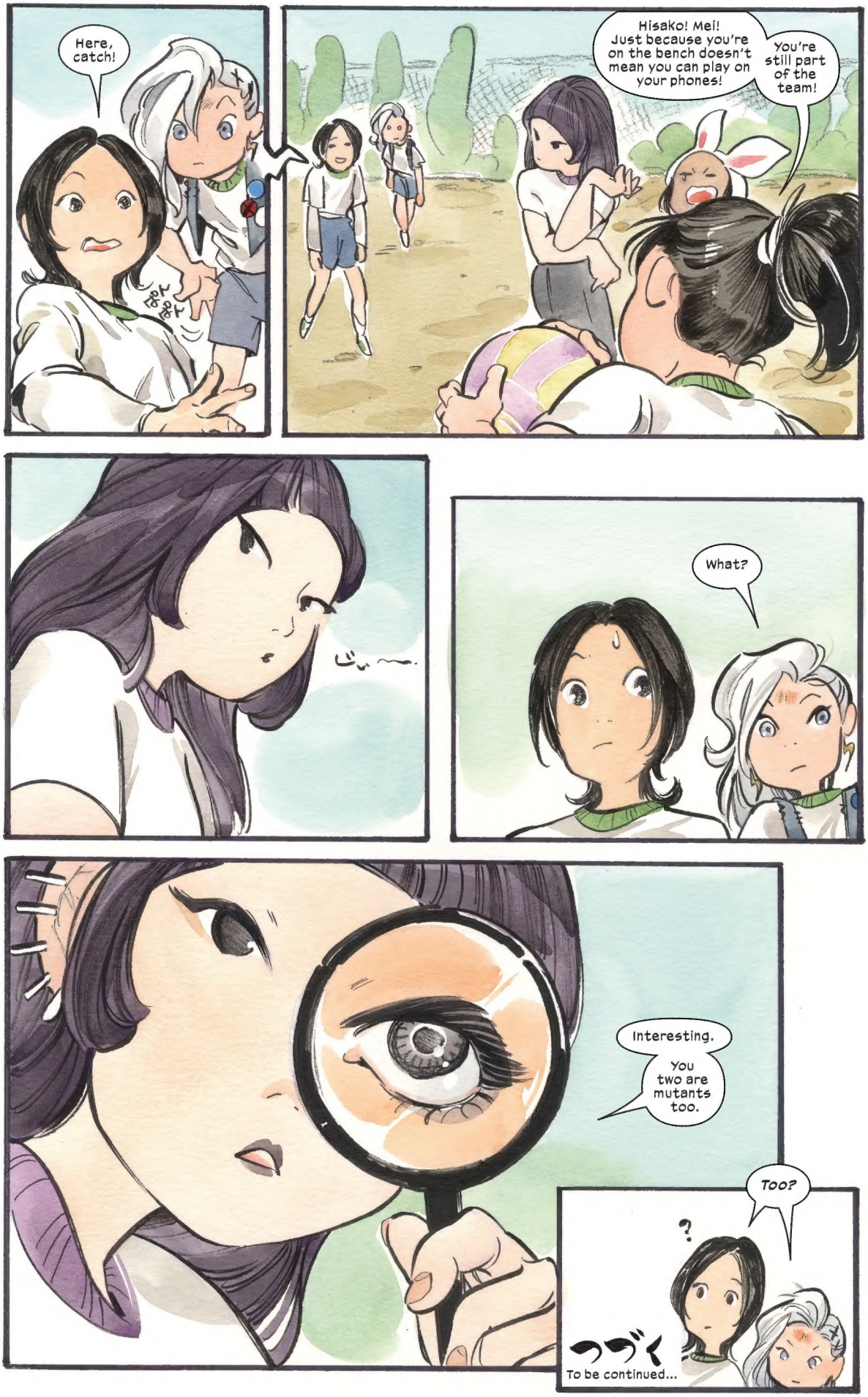

Nico! The least you can do is get the ball!
Nope. That time of the month. I can't jump around. It'd be a horror show.
Just like last week. How convenient you get your period every time we have gym.
Why did she have to be on our team? We're gonna lose for sure.


That *Nico Minoru*... she's always like that. There's something strange about her. I don't know what it is... like an aura.
Her parents are psychics. Like, for real.
Whoa... that's spooky.


Here, catch!
Hisako! Mei! Just because you're on the bench doesn't mean you can play on your phones!
You're still part of the team!
What?
Interesting.
You two are mutants too.
TOO?
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つづく
To be continued...

LEXICON

コックリさん KOKKURI-SAN

Some regions use chopsticks for the game

The game requires 1-3 people and a 10-yen coin.

Then you chant, "Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, oide kudasai."

(Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, please come.)

If you play any pranks or disrespect the fox, you will be punished.

At the end, chant "Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, arigato gozaimasu. Dozo, Okaeri kudasai."

(Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, thank you very much. Please, you can go home now.)

You must follow all the rules and steps to play. If you skip anything, the fox will keep possessing you even after you have finished playing and bad things will happen...

An old Japanese spirit board commonly played with after school. .

Foxes are known for having spiritual power in Japan. Many temples display foxes as a protector and treat the fox as a god.

In the game Kokkuri-san, it is said that foxes possess humans to understand that person and their surroundings. This is called "Kitsune-Tsuki."

Foxes know everything about you...even your darkest secrets.